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WAR NEWS.

The telegraph brings the report of the first invasion of the free States by Southern troops. It is stated that the towns of Henderson, Kentucky, and Newburg, Indiana, have both been captured. At Newburg the Confederates took two hundred and fifty prisoners and some arms. Newburg is a place of about five hundred inhabitants, and is situated on the Ohio river, in Warrick county. The dates of these occurrences are not given. Another dispatch says that there were forty men in the band that occupied Henderson, and that at last accounts the commander was negotiating terms on which he would withdraw his force.

There is no news from Col. Morgan's army in Central Kentucky. The mails confirm the taking of Cynthiana. It is stated that important military arrangements were being made at Lexington for the purpose of stopping Confederate recruiting, which is said to have been very brisk during Morgan's raid.

All was quiet at Nashville on Thursday. Gen. Nelson had arrived there with heavy reinforcements and assumed command.

A Granada (Miss.) paper of the 16th reports that the Confederate ram Arkansas came down the Yazoo river on the 15th and succeeded in running past that portion of the Federal fleet which lies above Vicksburg, and anchored under the protection of the shore batteries. It is stated that the ram ran down several of the Federal vessels who attempted to intercept her.—This report is confirmed by a dispatch in a Richmond paper of the 17th, which says that the Arkansas ran past the Federal fleet, but was cut up badly before she reached the cover of the batteries. Her captain claims to have run one of the Federal gunboats ashore, blown up a ram, burned one vessel and damaged others. It is believed that there is some truth in these statements.

Gen. Hovey is now in command at Memphis. It is stated that the fortifications, which are formidable, are being pushed rapidly to completion. They are designed as permanent works of defence.

It appears that there is some alarm at Suffolk, Va., on account of rumors of an intended attack of the Confederates. Sutlers have been ordered not to lay in a large stock of goods.

All was quiet with Gen. McClellan's army on Saturday morning. It is reported that the Confederates have fallen back ten miles towards Richmond.

A dispatch from Warrenton, Va., dated yesterday reports that the Confederates under Gen. Ewell are at Gordonsville. If this is correct the Federal troops which occupied the place on Thursday must have retired immediately after destroying the railroad and its equipments, or have not been there at all.

A battle is reported to have taken place recently in the Indian Nation, in which the Confederates were defeated, one hundred and twenty-five taken prisoners, and a large quantity of army stores captured.

The reported recapture of Baton Rouge is contracted by the Confederate authorities.

A dispatch dated Charleston, 11th instant published in Southern papers, states that the Federal troops landed in force at Port Royal Ferry on the day previous, but retreated on the approach of the Confederate forces. It is supposed that the movement was designed against the Charleston and Savannah railroad.

The Confederate batteries erected on the South side of the James river have not molested the numerous Federal boats and steam transports which are constantly passing up and down, but there was no doubt that they designed if possible to obstruct navigation.

Intelligence from Central Mississippi confirms the reports of the concentration of Van Dorn's and Breckinridge's forces, some 20,000 in number at Vicksburg. The other divisions of Bragg's army, those lately commanded by himself and Polk, have fallen back from Tupelo to the junction of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad with the line running eastward from Vicksburg.

The Federal forces south of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi are distributed substantially as follows:—Buell's army—the army of the Ohio—is east of Corinth, guarding the Memphis and Charleston road as far as the neighborhood of Chattanooga. The army of the Mississippi—Pope's old command—is on the Mobile and Ohio road, stretching south as far as Brownville. The army of the Tennessee (Grant's) is on the Memphis and Charleston road east of Corinth, and that part of the Mobile and Ohio which is in Tennessee. It will be thus seen that the force lately under command of Halleck is scattered over a line more than 200 miles in extent. It is probable that events now transpiring will cause its constituent parts to be again aggregated.

Despatches from Warrenton announce the arrival of five Confederate officers belonging to the Second Virginia Cavalry, captured by the Federal forces near Gordonsville. Col. Miller, of the Virginia Militia, was also captured.

Hon. John S. Phelps, of Missouri, has been appointed by the President military governor of Arkansas. He is to be clothed with the same powers as Governors Johnson, Stanley and Shepley.

A dispatch from Washington states that it is believed that General Halleck will not take the field, but will be entrusted with important duties in that city.

Rev. M. D. Conway, of Cincinnati, is providing for his father's slaves, 29 in number, who have escaped from Fredericksburg, and are among the contrabands in charge of the U. S. Government. He designs removing them to a country town in Ohio.

The Richmond Examiner of the 8th contains the following local item: "Persons who visited Oakwood Cemetery on Sunday state that at least fifty untouched coffins were lying there in the sun, and the stench arising therefrom was very great. The corpses had swollen and some of the coffins had burst open, exposing their decaying and ghastly contents to view."

Among other celebrities in London is Baron Steiglitz, the great Petersburg banker, who is declared to be the richest individual in the world. His annual income is estimated at over two and a half millions of dollars.

The following proclamation of J. T. Boyle, Brigadier General commanding, was circulated through Louisville, by means of hand-bills, immediately after the receipt of the news of the capture of Murfreesboro' by Forrest. "It is ordered that every able-bodied man take arms and aid in repelling the marauders. Every man who does not join will remain in his house forty-eight hours, and be shot down if he leaves it."

Governor Bradford, of Maryland, has issued an address to the people calling for speedy enlistments to fill up the State's quota of four regiments in the new call for troops. A committee of fifty citizens are named, who, it is expected, will adopt some measures to facilitate enlistments in Baltimore.

The President sent in the appointments under the naval grade bill on Thursday, but they were not acted upon, as it turns out. The reasons given are that objections were made to some of the nominations for rear admiral.

The overland mail service has been suspended in consequence of the removing of stock, etc preliminary to changing the route, which will strike off at Julesburg and follow the Cherokee trail through Bridger's Pass to Salt Lake and thence to the Pacific. This arrangement will save one hundred miles of travel, and protect the coaches from Indian depredations. The telegraph will, it is said, necessarily be changed to the new mail line. After the last sea mail to California, namely on the 21st instant, the overland service will be resumed.

Forty abolitionists, inhabitants of Farmington, Maine, quitted that city a few days ago, to avoid the expected draft for soldiers.

According to the New York Tribune, the mission of Governor Sprague, of Rhode Island, to Corinth, was for the purpose of tendering General Halleck, in behalf of the President, the command of the armies of the United States.

A company of Eastern capitalists have rented Heckart's saw mill, lower end of Port Deposit, and are engaged in getting out timber for the U. S. Government. Trade is brisk on the Tide Water Canal.

The Chinese in California, are awakening a great concern among the citizens, and a war of races seems in full progress, and in its course develops some very curious facts. 50,000 Chinese are already there, and many more coming.